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Subject: Need to Continue Delta Levees Subventions Program

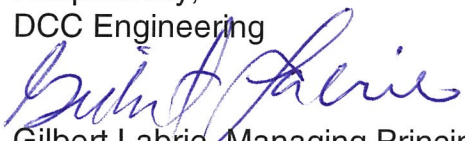
Dear Ms. Macaulay,

The purpose for this correspondence is to endorse the comments being made by my colleagues in support of the need to continue this very worthwhile program and to urge the Council to acknowledge the levee program's contributions and communicate the importance of continuing the Delta Levee Subventions Program to the Legislature. As you know, the current Program, with a 75-25 cost share and unrestricted budgeting level, is due to expire on July 1, 2013. While the Program will continue to exist after that date, the resulting 50-50 match and \$2 million program funding limitation will attract reduced participation from local agencies and effectively kill the program. Consequently, I believe that there will be no assurances for the State that the Delta levees will continue to be maintained to the same level as they have been under the Levee Subventions Program, as envisioned by the Legislature in 1988 with the passage of SB 34.

If the DSC concurs with the importance of the Delta levee system to the State of California, it is imperative that the DSC support the continuation of the Subventions Program as amended by the Legislature with passage of the Delta Protection Act of 1988.

Therefore, it is the hope of the participating Local Agencies that the Council give careful consideration to adding an action item in the Delta Plan, in Chapter 7, recommending that the State Legislature reaffirm its historic support and take the appropriate steps to eliminate the sunset date for the existing Delta Levees Program.

Respectfully,
DCC Engineering


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